

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday, 31st March 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

Councillors:- J Parrin (Chairman) P Barnes P Carpenter P Davies J Fish T Fowler C Fryett
B Payne D Thrower C Bellamy J Tuck

Parishioners:- T Jennings

OPEN FORUM – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.

- The meeting was advised that the Pond committee are ready to start work once it is known the boundary of the pond. Mr P Davies advised the meeting that he had spoken to the owner of the bungalow adjacent to this area and he was advised that the ring of tree denotes the boundary. He had also been told that the roadside, gateway and splay had been registered with this bungalow. Mr Parrin agreed to visit the Land Registry at Peterborough to investigate this.
- The meeting was advised that this evening was the second session of the Guyhirn Youth Club. The first evening had attracted 33 youth of between 10 and 18 years old, the majority being of about 13 years old. The second evening there had been approximately 23 young people when the speaker had left to attend this meeting. It is hoped that the older children will be trained as group leaders. They stated that laptops and computers were required together with the Guyhirn Village Hall becoming a Community Access point. During this discussion the meeting was advised that Murrow Book Café would also like to become a Community Access Point in order to cut the cost of the telephone line, which at the moment is being charged at business rates.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, PC J Coales and T Wadsley.

66. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 10th March 2008.
The minutes of the meeting of the 10th March 2008 were signed as a true record.

67. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.

68. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
There were no declarations of interest.

69. **FENLAND LINKS**
T Wadsley was unable to attend the meeting.

70. **POLICE MATTERS**
PC J Coales was unable to attend the meeting.

71. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- Letter from planning stating that we will still be receiving the plans with consultations. **Noted**
- FDC Appeal Mr and Mrs M Bowles erection of a dwelling land South of Dixie Lodge, Black Drove, Tholomas Drove. Informal hearing at 10.00 am on 22.04.08 at the Council Chambers North Brink Wisbech. **Noted.**
- F/YR08/0174/O erection of 4 detached houses involving demolition of existing building land south of Court House, High road, Tholomas Drove. APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. **Noted.**
- Mr Fowler requested permission to speak on behalf of Mr and Mrs Brown Rawlings Yard, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary regarding a planning application. It was agreed that if the meeting considering this application was held before the Parish Council received this application Mr Fowler could speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR08/9217/F conversion of garage to living accommodation 88 Back Road, Murrow. Applicant A Brown. Agent David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR08/0211/F erection of a 4 bed detached house involving demolition of existing dwelling The Cottage, Cants Drove, Murrow. Applicant J L Lissamore. Agent George V Hope Building Design. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR08/0296/F erection of 8 house comprising 4 x 3 bed semi detached with integral single garages and 4 x 4 bed detached with integral single garages involving demolition of existing offices and commercial building Depot land North of the Poplars, Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Oceanview Developments Limited. Agent G Seaton Designs. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR08/0297/O erection of 3 detached dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings Court House, High Road, Tholomas Drove, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs P Cannon. Agent Maxey and Sons. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

72. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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- (a) CCC Cambridgeshire's Registered Trader Scheme posters. **Noted.**
 - (b) FDC re ICCM Management of Memorials Inspection workshop on Wednesday, 23rd April 2008 at a cost of £105.00 VAT. **Noted.**
 - (c) Thank you letter from Vital Communities for the donation of £500.00. **Noted.**
 - (d) Invitation of Vital Communities to their meeting on Wednesday, 9th April from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm at the Glebe in Sutton. **Noted. Mr P Carpenter would try and attend this meeting.**
 - (e) Wisbech Town and Rural Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 17.04.08 at Rosmini Centre, Queens Road, Wisbech. **Noted. this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of the meeting held at Elm Hall, which was attended P Carpenter, J Parrin and B Payne. It was understood that the Police could not do everything on their own and that they needed the Parish Council to support them along with FDC, CCC and Highways and if this happened we could all look forward to a more position future. Councillor Tuck was requested to find out whether the funding used to hold these meetings was ring fenced. It was agreed that these meetings should be held in each Parish Council area led by the Parish Council with not only the Police attending but representatives from Highways.**
 - (f) CALC details of new email addresses. **Noted.**
 - (g) CCC Liaison committee meeting 17.04.08 enclosing minutes of previous meeting on the 15.01.08. **Noted.**
 - (h) Audit Commission advising of the appointment of Moore Stepson as auditor for the Parish Council until 2012. **Noted. Correspondence in folder for information only**
- Clerks and Councils Direct March 2008
 Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Action Spring 2008
 Cambridgeshire Making a difference in Cambs & Peterborough
- FCVS Newsletter March2008
 Town & Parish Standard Board Newsletter

73. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- Letter re Dog bins and will investigate areas we have highlighted. **Noted**
- Letter regarding highway matters highlighted from previous meeting. **Noted**
- Letter regarding bus stop at Guyhirn stating that they are still obtaining quotations for the cost of the work. **Noted.**
- CCC Highways re Capital Works Programme for Plash Drove, Wisbech St Mary – surface dress last years retread scheme. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes advising that the previous work carried out was unsatisfactory and is now worse than before the resurfacing was carried out.**
- Reply from S Carroll Countryside access team advising that the footpath Hollycroft Farm Front Road to Murrow Lane at the Tholomas Drove End is already on our annual grass cutting Program. It is scheduled to be cut twice this year once in May and again in July. **Noted. It was agreed to look at this area next year to see if it would benefit from being cut more regularly.**
- Reply from J Tuck regarding 18 encroachment/obstruction notices were issued in Back Road, Murrow for passing places. A Hunt is sorting out the bus stop in Guyhirn and is awaiting a quote from their contractors. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk contacts CCC Highways to request when will action be taken to enforce these notices.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Bright red "Reduce speed now" signs on the bends that have minor road leading onto the road to Wisbech from Guyhirn via Wisbech St Mary ie Miletree Lane, Willock Lane, Gadds Lane and Panswell Lane.
2. Sandbank no white lines in the centre of road, which is particularly dangerous when it is foggy. White lines needs in Sandbank in the centre of the road from Bellamy Bridge to the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary.
3. Brown bin has now been provided for the Church Yard at Guyhirn.
4. Pot hole near the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary when you turn into Sandbank.
5. Seadyke Bank where the dyke has been filled in near the Builders Yard and South Forks excess water on the roadside.
6. Hedge at the end of Station Road Wisbech St Mary, Leverington Common end needs trimming back.
7. Streetlight at Selwyn Corner only comes on intermittently.
8. Pidgeons Corner, Murrow 4 cars parking on this blind bend. Two are parked on the pavement and two on the road day and night. One of the Councillors observed a near fatal accident as a pedestrian with a pushchair had to walk on the road.
It was agreed that the car numbers are taken and Inspector R Sissons and Peter Vale CCC Highways are contacted.
9. Speed camera at Thorney Toll still not working.
10. Roddons are not responsible for the entrance to Lindens Close, but CCC Highways.
11. Pot hole near Fort Farm, Gull Road, Guyhirn.
12. Glass on the road at the Traveller site Seadyke.

74. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of account is £129547.07.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (c) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
- (d) Hire of Murrow Book Café for Parish Council meeting £20.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**

(e) K Bagg cost of graffiti paint for bus shelters

£09.01 LG Mis Provison Act 1953 S4 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

(f) Young Lives

£to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **No further information received as requested.**

75. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

(a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

(b) Date arranged for the annual risk assessment is the 1st April 2008 Wisbech St Mary 9.00 am J Parrin, Tholomas Drove 9.45am T Fowler, Guyhirm 10.00 am P Carpenter and Murrow 10.30 am D Thrower. **Noted.**

76. **GUYHIRN POND**

Report from D Thrower regarding the ROSPA Risk Assessment and as previously stated the risk is very low with the Pond in its present state. The biggest risk is to any person working in this area.

77. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

The clerk advised the meeting that no further information had been received from FDC. It was agreed that Mr J Parrin would check with the Land Registry who owns this land.

78. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**

- The clerk advised the meeting that she had received posters from FDC regarding the District Council election requesting it to be displayed on the Parish Notice Boards by the 27th March 2008. This poster had only been received by the clerk on the 31st March 2008.
- The clerk distributed a notice for the Parish Notice Boards regarding stray dogs.
- The clerk advised the meeting that an acknowledgement had been received from T Pilsbury the Chief Executive of FDC regarding Quality Status and had requested P Holmes the Monitoring Officer to let us know if any new regulations had been introduced for Quality Parish Councils.
- The meeting was advised that the Parish Council could not co-opt to fill the vacancy as 10 signatures had been received from parishioners of Guyhirm requesting an election.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

79. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 21st April 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

80. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008/2009**

Monday, 12th May 2008 -Annual Assembly and AGM at Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion

Monday, 2nd June 2008

Monday, 23rd June 2008

Monday, 14th July 2008

Monday 11th August 2008

Monday, 1st September 2008

Monday, 22nd September 2008

Monday, 13th October 2008

Monday 3rd November 2008

Monday, 24th November 2008

Monday, 15th December 2008

Monday, 5th January 2009